

Harvard alumni launch mentorship scheme

ALUMNI group the Harvard Business School Club of Singapore (HBSCS) yesterday launched a mentorship programme for students in Singapore's post-secondary education institutions.

Club president Omar Lodhi, the Asia regional head for private equity firm The Abraaj Group, said at the launch that the programme will be "personalised" to help young Singaporeans discover and develop themselves to the fullest, as they embark on a fruitful professional journey.

The club will start by working with five institutions – Nanyang Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Institute of Technology – on a pilot programme that is expected to start in September.

The programme assigns two mentors for every six mentees, and will cover a range of personal and professional topics ranging from defining personal success and building self-awareness to business ethics.

Singapore is one of the largest alumni communities for the Harvard Business School, with over 800 alumni located in a single city.

The HBSCS was registered with the Registry of Societies earlier this year and was formally launched yesterday evening at Capella hotel on Sentosa by Education Minister Heng Swee Keat.

So far, 30 mentors have signed up for the programme, said Mr Lodhi.

Chairing the HBSCS is FairPrice chief executive Seah Kian Peng, who is also Deputy Speaker of Parliament.